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Morale, Welfare and Recreation  
HUNTING AND FISHING

1. Fort Lewis Regulation 215-1, 9 June 1995, is changed as follows:

General. Delete all references to trapping.

Page 3. Delete paragraphs 5e(2), 5e(3) and 5f.

Page 5. Paragraph 6c(2) is superseded as follows:

(2) Chambers Lake (the open portion) and the rest of area 12, Johnson's Marsh (the open portion), and Lewis Lake will be open for hunting on Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, federal holidays and post training holidays provided that a training conflict does not exist.

Page 5. Paragraph 6c(6) is superseded as follows:

(6) Duck blinds of a portable nature may be used for waterfowl hunting. Portable blinds shall be defined as a structure that is erected, disassembled, and removed the day of the hunt.

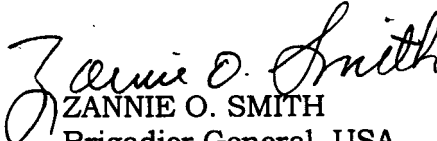
Page 7. Paragraph 6c(6) is superseded as follows:

(6) Fiander Lake, Cat Lake, Vietnam Lake and Wright Marsh are open on a year round basis, except when closed for training.

Page 8. Delete paragraph 9.

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FL Regulation  
No. 215-1

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HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING

1. **PURPOSE.** This regulation outlines policies and procedures for hunting, fishing and trapping on the Fort Lewis military reservation (hereinafter referred to as Fort Lewis).
2. **APPLICABILITY.** This regulation is applicable to all personnel engaged in hunting, fishing and trapping at Fort Lewis.
3. **REFERENCES.** See Appendix A
4. **POLICY.**
  - a. Hunting, fishing and trapping on Fort Lewis are privileges and not rights.
  - b. All personnel engaged in hunting, fishing or trapping on Fort Lewis will comply with applicable laws and regulations to include the Federal Bird Migratory Treaty Act, the Migratory Bird Conservation Act, Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, Revised Code of Washington, the Game and Fisheries Code of the State of Washington as well as all Fort Lewis Regulations. This includes taking and possession limits. Where State and Federal laws or regulations conflict, Federal laws will prevail.
  - c. All personnel engaged in hunting and fishing on Fort Lewis must have valid Washington State hunting and fishing licenses and must cooperate fully with the Military Police, Federal Game Wardens and Washington State Game Agents.
  - d. Active duty military personnel in violation of the provisions of this regulation are subject to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Department of Defense civilians and Nonappropriated Fund employees may be subject to discipline under applicable civil service or NAF laws or regulations. All DOD civilians and non-DOD civilians are subject to suspension or revocation of their hunting, fishing and/or trapping privileges for violations of this regulation. Non-DOD civilians may be permanently barred from re-entering the installation for serious infractions of federal, state, or installation regulations. Law enforcement agents of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and State of Washington Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have authority to enforce fish and wildlife laws on Fort Lewis along with authorized members of Fort Lewis Military Police Command.

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\*This regulation supersedes FL Reg 215-1, 9 October 1989

## 5. RESPONSIBILITIES.

### a. Public Works

Manages the fish and wildlife program on Fort Lewis.

(2) Coordinates management activities with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington State Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

### b. Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities .

Operates rental activities in support of hunting and fishing.

(2) As proponent of Community Recreation Division, supports the Northwest Adventure Center commitment to schedule big game hunting.

(3) Establishes regulations and necessary Standing Operating Procedures.

### c. Military Police.

(1) Enforces hunting and fishing laws on Fort Lewis in conjunction with Washington State.

Provides liaison with Federal and State Game Wardens.

(3) Provides game warden aide, assistance, and direction to personnel using Fort Lewis recreation facilities.

Protects Government Property.

Provides search patrols for lost hunters

### d. Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization (DPTM).

(1) Provides information on open training areas. This information will be available 48 hours prior to open hunting times to CRD.

(2) Agrees to provide to the State of Washington portions of the following training areas for weekend and holiday pheasant release on a four week notification basis as permitted by training:

The central portion of area 7.

Merrill and Darby Drop Zone in area 21.

E1 Guettar Drop Zone in area 22

(3) Agrees to provide the State the following training areas for weekend and holiday pheasant release on a one week notification basis:

(a) Area 8.

(b) Area 13.

Area 14

Area 15

(4) In coordination with the Public Works Biologist, schedules selected training areas and the Central Small Arms Impact Area for big game hunting and emphasizes scheduling available open areas on weekends and holidays. The desired balance is at least 30% of training areas available on weekends, and 10% on weekdays, as permitted by scheduled training.

(5) The DPTM Range Division Area Access Section coordinates other legitimate special land use requests. Ensures that all non-hunting users of the reservation are informed of their obligation to clear through the Range Area Access Section prior to entering authorized training areas.

e. Public Affairs Office.

(1) In conjunction with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, publicizes hunting and fishing opportunities.

(2) Coordinates other legitimate special land use requests from the community so that their impact on hunting is minimized while not adversely affecting community relations.

(3) Ensures that all legitimate non-hunting users of the reservation are informed of their obligation to clear through DPTM Range Division prior to entering areas for final determination as to whether access can be approved.

f. Fisheries and Wildlife Management Panel.

(1) Monitors overall fish and wildlife management programs and consults with appropriate agencies.

(2) Advises the Commanding General and concerned staff agencies on matters of policy.

(3) Recommends changes to policy and regulation.

g. The Installation Safety Office:

1) Provides guidance and technical assistance on safety issues

(2) Provides technical assistance in accident investigating and reporting.

(3) Ensures adequate safe practices and standards are incorporated in operating procedures, manuals, directives, and other instructions.

(4) Reviews plans for proposed installation hunting, trapping and fishing

6. **HUNTING.** Hunting on Fort Lewis is categorized into four main groups: Big game (deer, bear), Migratory Birds (waterfowl), Upland Game Birds (pheasant, grouse, partridge), and Small Game (rabbit, coyote). Fort Lewis is open to hunting in season whenever it does not interfere with training. Training has priority. The use of privately owned weapons is authorized for hunting as permitted by the Northwest Adventure Center, and for dog training as permitted by Range Control Area Access. Dog trainers are limited to shotguns with bird shot and blank firing pistols only.

a. General

(1) All hunters are required to register and obtain a Land Use Hunting Permit at the Northwest Adventure Center, Bldg. #8094.

(2) All hunters must check in telephonically or in person with the Northwest Adventure Center to reserve an area. Areas may be reserved at 0800 the day prior to the hunt.

(3) All hunters are responsible for ensuring that they inform a relative or friend of the area they are going to hunt in, their estimated time of return, and vehicle being used.

(4) All hunters are required to wear blaze orange with the exception of waterfowl hunters and archery hunters during deer archery season. The material must be a minimum of 400 square inches in size and must be worn above the waist as an outer garment at all times while hunting on Fort Lewis.

(5) There will be no indiscriminate firing of weapons (target practice) in the hunting areas. All privately owned weapon target practice will be restricted to the CRD Skeet Range or CRD Sportsman's Range (Range 15, rifles and pistols). These ranges may be used only when an authorized CRD staff member is present and clearance to fire has been obtained from DPTM Range Division.

(6) Hunters may have one non-hunting guest accompany them. Non-hunting guests must be registered and wear blaze orange at all times while in an active hunting area.

b. Big Game. The types of weapons and the numbers of hunters permitted in each area are specified in Appendix B. Handgun hunting on Fort Lewis is not authorized.

c. Migratory Birds.

(1) All lakes, ponds, streams and marshes on the Fort Lewis reservation are open on specific days to migratory waterfowl hunting except American Lake, American Lake Pond, Hodge lake, Nisqually Lake, posted portions of Chambers Lake, Murray Creek, Lynn Lake and Golf Course Pond and the posted portion of Johnson's Marsh.

(2) Chambers Lake (the open portion) and the rest of area 12, Johnson's Marsh (the open portion), and Lewis Lake will be open for hunting on Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, federal holidays and official post holidays, e.g., the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas, provided that a training conflict does not exist.

(3) All other training area wetlands will normally be open seven days a week in season.

(4) Waterfowl hunting and military training may take place concurrently in those training areas that have wetlands. The success of this policy depends on cooperation between waterfowl hunters near the edge of wetlands and units that will not normally train within dangerous proximity to the wetlands. When contested, the hunter will back off.

(5) Military training may periodically necessitate temporary closure of specific lakes and wetlands to waterfowl hunting. Prior coordination with DPTM Range Control will be made. The Northwest Adventure Center is normally notified through the weekly Range complex allocation published by Range Control or through E-Mail scheduled training up-dates.

(6) Duck blinds may be constructed for use in hunting migratory waterfowl. A person building a duck blind shall retain priority for the use of the blind only for the first year and only if occupied prior to 60 minutes before the daily legal shooting time. Thereafter, the blind is available on a first come, first served basis. The construction of a blind does not give its occupant priority over the area in which the blind is located. No blind will be constructed within 100 yards of another blind. The individual who builds the blind is also required to post his name and date of construction and notify the Northwest Adventure Center of date of construction and location. Certain portions of various lakes may be restricted to blinds depending on safety factors. These will be published in the annual Fort Lewis Hunting Rules Pamphlet.

(7) Retrieving of immobilized birds is permitted in the posted portion (refuge area) of Chambers Lake or Johnson's Marsh. A weapon may not be carried for that purpose. Other injured birds may not be retrieved.

(8) The Northern section of Spanaway Marsh will be closed from November through August (East/West grid line 150).

d. Upland birds and small game.

(1) Pheasant release hunters must pre-register by calling or coming in to the Northwest Adventure Center beginning at 0800 the day prior to hunting and be assigned a hunting control number for a specific area. The pheasant release site hunting will consist of a morning hunt (0800-1100) and an afternoon hunt (1300-1600) and will be on a first come, first served basis.

(2) Shooting hours on Public Bird Release Sites are as posted in the State Upland Game Pamphlet.

(3) Pheasant hunters must sign in/out at Public Bird Release Sites. A hunting permit is required for all hunting including Pheasant Release Site hunting.

## 7. FISHING AND BOATING

a. DOD personnel and their family members may fish all the lakes and streams on Fort Lewis unless the area is otherwise posted, closed by a Daily Bulletin announcement, or as written in this regulation, the State Fishing Pamphlet or the Fort Lewis Game Fish Pamphlet.

(1) Recreational use permits for fishing are not required for active duty military, retired military, appropriated and nonappropriated fund employees, the immediate family members or the accompanied guests of these valid identification card (ID) holders in the following waters: American Lake, Cat Lake, Lewis Lake, Chambers Lake, Sequalitchew Lake, Vietnam Village Marsh, Johnson Marsh, Shannon Marsh, Wright Marsh, Solo Point and the Nisqually River.

(2) Two guests are authorized per ID card holder.

(3) The vehicle used will have a valid DOD sticker.

b. Area access permits for fishing are required for individuals other than active duty military, retired military personnel, appropriated and non-appropriated fund employees, the immediate family members of these personnel or their accompanied guests.

(1) A recreational use permit for fishing is required for access to any water located on or adjacent to Fort Lewis obtained by crossing Fort Lewis property.

(2) Fishing and boating for individuals identified in 7b above is restricted to American Lake, Chambers Lake and the Nisqually River.

(3) Area access permits for fishing may be obtained at the Range Area Access Section, Bldg T-6127, phone 967-6277. Guidance for permit application is outlined in FL Reg 350-33.

(4) The permit will be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle at all times while the vehicle is on Fort Lewis property.

(5) The permit will be valid for the duration of the respective season as determined by Washington State or Fort Lewis Regulation.

(6) Non-DOD personnel must check in daily with the Range Area Access Section IAW FL Reg 350-33.

(7) The following access restrictions apply to all vehicles that do not have a valid DOD sticker.

(a) Access to and the use of Solo Point, the boat launch adjacent to the Family Beach on American Lake and the CRD Beach Boat Launch on American Lake is prohibited.

(b) Access to American Lake, Chambers Lake or the Nisqually River is restricted to a direct route. These are the only fresh waters Non-DOD civilians are authorized to fish.

c. The following fishing and boating restrictions are required on Fort Lewis.

(1) All personnel fifteen years of age and older must possess a valid Washington State Fishing license, except those persons exempted by the State of Washington.

(2) Nisqually Lake is closed

(3) Sears Lake is open year round to juveniles under the age of 15 years in accordance with Washington State Fishing Regulations).

(4) Fiander Lake, Cat Lake, Vietnam Lake and Wright Marsh are open on a year round basis, except when closed for training. Fishing on the south side of the lake shore at Recondo 1 on Lewis Lake is prohibited. The remainder of Lewis Lake is open on year round basis, except when closed for training. Road guards must be obeyed.



(5) All other lakes, streams rivers and beaver ponds will open as designated in Washington State Fishing Regulations and/or the Fort Lewis Fishing Rules pamphlet.

(6) It is unlawful to fish within 400 feet downstream of any fish ladder, man-made dams or fish weirs.

(7) It is unlawful to take salmon from spawning tributaries of the Nisqually River.

(8) It is unlawful to fish with more than one line or rod and to use more than two hooks, flies or lures or combination of same.

(9) Night fishing when authorized by State Law is authorized for DOD personnel in all waters except the south Rainier training area, e.g. No Name, Fiander, and Cat Lakes. Night closure of all waters in Region 4 (Pierce County) is outlined in the Washington State Department of Wildlife, Game and Fish Regulations.

(10) All boats utilized on Fort Lewis will conform to Pierce and Thurston County Watercraft Regulations. Gasoline powered boats are prohibited except for use on American Lake, Nisqually River and Puget Sound. Electric motors are authorized on all Fort Lewis waters.

8. **TRESPASSERS.** Individuals violating the above policies are trespassing on a controlled-access federal reservation and they are subject to citation by the Military Police. Trespassers may be barred from subsequent authorized access to the installation.

9. **TRAPPING.** Recreational trapping is indefinitely suspended on Fort Lewis.

10. **MISCELLANEOUS.**

a. **Camping on Fort Lewis.** The only authorized overnight camping sites on Fort Lewis are located at Lewis Lake, southeast side of Chambers Lake, the Fort Lewis Travel Camp and the Youth Activity Summer Camp. Camping at the Youth Activity Summer Camp must have prior Youth Services Division approval. All other camping is prohibited unless specifically authorized by memorandum issued by DPTM Range Control Area Access under provisions of FL Reg 350-33.

b. **CRD campsites and picnic area policies.** Quiet hours will be from 2200 until 0600 at campsites. No loud radios, stereos or other noise will be allowed. Lewis Lake and Chambers Lake camp sites are limited to 14 day stay limits. Fireworks are prohibited. Fires are permitted in designated fire-rings or BBQ grills only. Absolutely no cutting of trees for firewood is permitted.

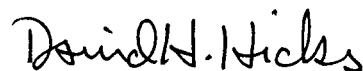
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c. CRD facilities. Non-DOD use of CRD picnic facilities, camping areas and athletic fields is prohibited. DOD ID card holders are authorized two guests each.

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APPENDIX A - References  
APPENDIX B - Hunting Areas

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APPENDIX A

REFERENCES:

- a. AR 215-2, 31 Oct 86 (The Management and Operation of Army Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities)
- b. AR 405-80, 1 Feb 79 (Granting Use of Real Estate)
- c. AR 420-74, 1 Jul 77 (Natural Resources-Land, Forest and Wildlife Management).
- d. DA Pam 420-7, 19 May 77 (Natural Resources-Land, Forest and Wildlife Management).
- e. FL Reg 350-30, 1 Oct 85 (Range Regulation).
- f. FL Reg 350-33, 1 Jun 94 (Land Use Policies)
- g. FL Reg 420-5, 15 Nov 90 (Endangered and Threatened Species)
- h. Washington State Game Code WAC Title 232.
- i. Washington State Fisheries Code, WAC Title 220
- j. Title 50, Code of Federal Regulation (CFR)
- k. Part 20 (Migratory Bird Treaty Act)
- l. 16 USC 715 (Migratory Bird Conservation Act).
- m. 16 USC 718 (Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act)
- n. Revised Code of Washington.

## **APPENDIX B**

### **HUNTING AREAS**

1. **HUNTING AREA ALLOCATION RATIOS.** The training areas of Fort Lewis are incorporated into Big Game hunting areas. The number of authorized hunters is determined on the basis of one rifle hunter per 100 acres, and one shotgun or bow hunter per 50 acres.

2. **CLOSED HUNTING AREAS.** The following areas are closed for all types of hunting.

- a. Close-in Training Area F - closed at all times.
- b. Artillery impact area - closed at all times.
- c. South small arms impact area - closed at all times.
- d. Central small arms impact area - closed except during the deer/bear season when it is determined available by DPTM Range Control.
- e. American Lake, American Lake Pond, Sears lake, Hodge Lake, Nisqually Lake, Golf Course Ponds, Lynn Lake, and Murray Creek - closed at all times.
- f. All areas where active logging or other engineer activities are in actual progress.
- g. All areas in which troops are liming or training, with the exception of in season waterfowl and archery hunting on the edges of wetlands when there are no troops liming or training within 100 yards of the chosen hunting site. More detailed restrictions are contained in paragraph 6c.

3. **HOURS OF DARKNESS.** It shall be unlawful for any person to be in any wooded area on the reservation after the hours of darkness with the following exceptions.

- a. Authorized personnel, after clearance from Law Enforcement Command and DPTM Range Control.

- b. During the hunting season, a reasonable length of time will be given for hunters to enter and depart their assigned areas; in any event, this length of time will not exceed two hours before or after the official hunting hours as established by the Washington State Department of Game.

4. **DESIGNATED BIG GAME HUNTING AREAS.** Areas open to rifle hunting are also open to shotgun and bow. Shotgun areas are also open to bow. Bow areas are restricted to bow only. Listed are the recommended number of hunters and weapon type for each training area during big game hunting season.

## APPENDIX B

Training Area	1	3 Shotgun hunters
" "	2	22 Bow hunters (deer only)
" "	2	22 Shotgun/bow hunters (small game)
"	3	18 Rifle hunters
" "	4	55 " "
" "	5	25 " "
" "	6	24
" "	7	25 Bow hunters (deer only)
" "	7	25 Shotgun/bow hunters (small arms)
" "	8	19 Rifle hunters
" "	9	22 " "
" "	10	29 " "
" "	11	29 "
" "	12	17 "
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" "	15	32 " "
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CTA	A-West	18 Shotgun hunters
"	A-East	20 Shotgun hunters
"	B	6 Muzzleloaders/bow hunters
"	C	5 Muzzleloaders/bow hunters
"	D	3 Rifle hunters
"	E	5 "
Central Small Arms Impact Area		51 Rifle hunters
North Small Arms Impact Area		5 Rifle Hunters
Ammo Storage Area		21 Bow hunters only